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25 October 194925X1 1. VIENNA

25X1 a. Albrecht and Wilhelm Kasernen: Occupied only by guard details with red-bordered black epaulets. A small motor vehicle repair shop unit was also located in the Wilhelm Kaserne.

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b. Kaserne in KAGRANZ

(1) Still occupied by a guard detail with red-bordered black epaulets.

(2) The jacked-up truck (with box-like superstructure) was observed in front of a repair shop.

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(3) Two medium AA guns on four-wheel carriages were seen in a small storage shed.

c. Central kommandatura in the Bellaria building:

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d. Quarters at 10 Tuchinstrasse and on Hasengasse:

18 October 1949

The unoccupied Worker's Home was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with a submachine gun. The quarters on Hasengasse were still sealed. No motor vehicle traffic was observed in front of the buildings.

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## e. Trost Kaserne:

18 October 1949

Occupied only by a guard detail with red-bordered black epaulets. With the exception of one building, all kaserne buildings had been thoroughly cleaned. Motor vehicles and tanks were not seen in the kaserne area.

## f. House at 33 Leibnitzgasse:

Guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets who was relieved from the Trost Kaserne.

2. RIEDERBURG (P 49/S 30)

## a. Pionier Kaserne:

26 October 1949

Occupied only by a guard detail. Quartering equipment was unloaded. The kaserne had been reconditioned and painted inside.

## b. Engineer Equipment Depot: Vacant

c. New motor vehicle shed about 1,000 feet NE of the RIEDERBURG-WEIDLING railroad station: Ten trucks could be stored in the shed which was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets.

14 October 19493. STA. MERSDORF (P 49/S 40)

Only two tanks were repaired in the tank repair shop. The shop had a personnel of about 20 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia.

10 October 19494. RIEDERBURG (P 49/X 48)

Only a rear detail of about a hundred troops with red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia, was observed there.

14 October 19495. SCHNECHAT (P 49/X 48)

No changes were observed in the previously reported occupation.

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6. MAUER (C 49/X 48)

The quarters on Haldgasse were empty, unguarded and locked.

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7. BRUNE AM GEBIRGE (C 49/X 38)

About 150 troops with black-bordered red epaulets were employed in the motor vehicle repair shop in the former German Army clothing depot. About half of the troops worked in the shop, the others sorted scrap.

11 October 1949

8. SCHNADDER (P 49/X 57)

A 20-man Soviet wire patrol was still quartered in the former party building.

Comment:

The report indicates that the component units of the 13th Gds Mecz Div had not returned to their VIERA quartering area by the end of October 1949. They were presumably still on maneuvers.

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